

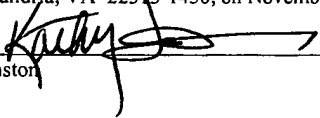


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Haiming Wang et al.  
Title: System for Analyzing Surface Characteristics with Self-calibrating Capability  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for a 1-month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Notice of Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, such extension allowing the undersigned until November 17, 2003 to respond; November 16, 2003 being a Sunday.

A check is enclosed that includes the amount of \$110.00, as set forth in the enclosed transmittal letter.

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